

Idaho Bureau of Land Management Update

“Protect communities and environments while promoting economic sustainability”

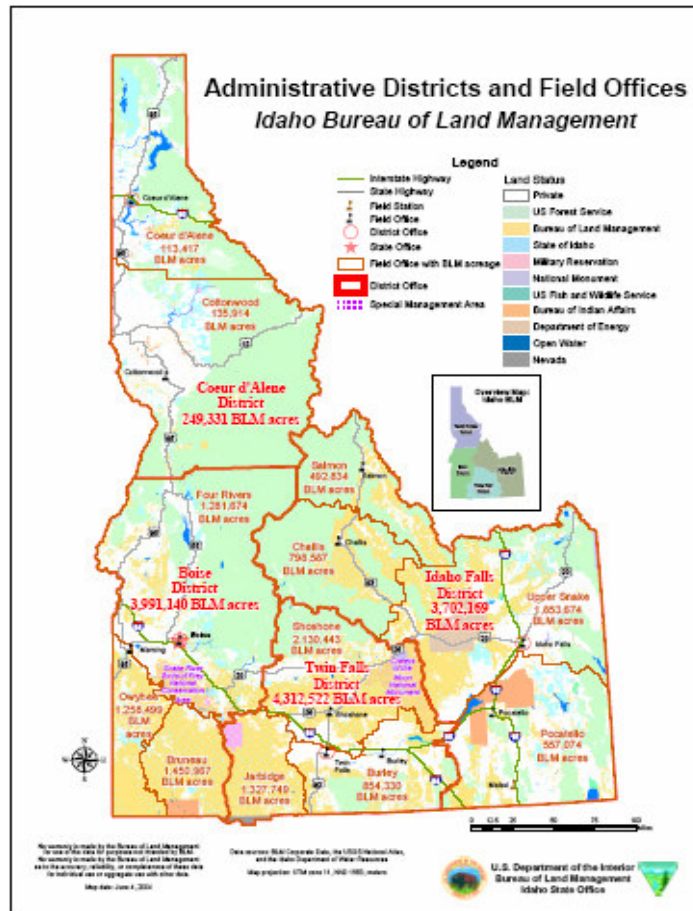
2004 brought several changes to Idaho BLM including a reorganization of our District office boundaries, a new State Fire Management Officer (Leonard Wehking) and a move from planning to implementation as the last 7 counties were funded to complete wildfire mitigation plans. Below are some brief highlights of our accomplishments beyond those listed in this report.

- **Treated 108,000 acres of hazardous fuels** at a cost of \$8.2 million (see breakdown of treatments on next page). 48% of those treatments were contracted out to private businesses. Entered into 4 Stewardship Contracts
- **Continued focus on fire prevention & education.**
 - \$131,000 spent on media campaign for Keep Idaho Green (KIG) TV, radio and billboard messages.
 - Completed 3 new KIG “firewise” displays for interagency use
 - Distributed 28,000 “FireWise – inside & out” doorhanger brochures which combine home and wildland fire prevention & safety messages
 - Provided \$2,500 toward “Burning Issues – Fire Ecology Workshop” at the University of Idaho Field Campus in McCall, ID, in cooperation with Project Learning Tree.
 - Fire resistant landscaping workshop in Idaho Falls on April 2
- **Established a new grant program with IDL for 2005** (similar to USFS Stevens Funds). Dollars will be used for private ground fuels treatments adjacent to BLM fuels projects. Plan is to make these dollars available in the spring of 2005.
- **In 2005, Idaho BLM has roughly \$400,000 available for Community Assistance** which includes wildfire assessments and plans and “other implementation actions” that reduce risk such as education, WUI code adoption, community clean-up events, firewise workshops, home evaluations, etc.

Below are the top Bureau priorities we consider when funding projects:

- Project is identified in a county mitigation plan
- Community/County is vested in project with interagency involvement
- Stewardship contracting or biomass use potential
- Implementation can be done under Healthy Forest Restoration Act authority
- Mechanical treatments that are contracted out to Idaho businesses
- Vicinity of federal land
- Project is in priority fire regime/condition class (unhealthy lands where fire burns frequently)

*** New District boundaries for Idaho BLM in 05** (Salmon & Challis moved to Idaho Falls District. Jarbidge moved to Twin Falls District)



* National BLM Fuels Treatment Statistics for fiscal year 2004

State	Non - WUI				WUI				Grand Total
	Fire JM	Mech JQ	Other JR	Total	Fire JW	Mech JT	Other JU	Total	
AK	30,000	0		30,000	27,584	500		28,084	58,084
AZ	7,774	626	100	8,500	685	1,702	101	2,488	10,988
CA	555	607	0	1,162	2,444	9,656	37	12,137	13,299
CO	2,646	5,271	219	8,136	5,471	8,609	1,719	15,799	23,935
ID	12,140	23,436	32,195	67,771	342	10,123	30,630	41,095	108,866
ES	530			530				0	530
MT	2,670	1,400	0	4,070	1,587	2,025	50	3,662	7,732
NM	9,912	2,994	20,713	33,619	1,728	3,354	21	5,103	38,722
NV	3,126	8,091	6,543	17,760	545	4,691	4,927	10,163	27,923
OR	34,592	18,857	6	53,455	18,362	31,018	5,800	55,180	108,635
UT	6,694	9,751	1,024	17,469	1,367	23,628	4,210	29,205	46,674
WY	21,412	2,363	1,166	24,941	1,112	735	700	2,547	27,488
Total	132,051	73,396	61,966	267,413	61,227	96,041	48,195	205,463	472,876
Target	149,480	73,800	45,000	268,280	38,650	100,850	39,000	178,500	446,780
%	88%	99%	138%	100%	158%	95%	124%	115%	106%